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SKYPE/VIDEO INFORMED CONSENT

It is important that you, as you my client, understand the following limitations of Skype/video contact, as well as expectations for each other we make for Skype/video psychotherapy treatment:

1. Any Internet-based communication is not guaranteed to be secure/confidential.
2. There are precautions that you, as my client, can take to increase security, including:
 - a. Ensuring that you are online in a private room/area with the door closed, and if possible, using some type of sound blocking device.
 - b. When possible, connect to the Internet directly (as opposed to using WiFi; this also helps with transmission).
 - c. Make sure to turn Skype off, not just disconnect from the call when the session is over.
3. Make the same commitment to your online session that you would to an in-office appointment.
 - a. Don't be late.
 - b. Limit distractions – turn off cell phones; avoid 'split screens.' Explain to others that you are unavailable for the next hour (perhaps hang a 'Do Not Disturb' sign on the door).
 - c. Have your computer on a firm surface and sit on a sofa/chair or at a desk if possible.
 - d. Check the audio/visual in the 'preferences' each time before a session so that you can see what I am seeing (and vice versa).
4. An Online session is subject to our 48-hour cancellation policy.

I have read the Skype/Video Therapy contract. I understand and agree to comply with the policies as they are described and acknowledge receipt of this contract.

Client Signature and Date

Clinician's Signature and Date